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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF ICCS

REF: A) STATE 175749; B. SAIGON 15854 NOTAL

1. SEPTEMBER 6 POL COUNSELOR REVIEWED RECENT PRG MOVES TO SEEK REDUCTION IN SIZE OF ICCS WITH COLONEL ADENAN, HEAD OF ASIA AND PACIFIC DIRECTORATE AT FOREIGN DEPARTMENT. LEFT PIECES OF PAPER SETTING FORTH USG POSITION PER REF A AND DRAWING ON APPROPRIATE PARTS OF REF B TO ILLUSTRATE PRG PITCH AND EMBASSY SAIGON'S COMMENTS ON IT.

2. COLONEL ADENAN SHOWED US COPY OF TELEGRAM INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR AT HANOI SENT SEPTEMBER 1 TRANSMITTING NOTE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH DATED AUGUST 31 FROM DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY HANOI. MAIN BODY OF  
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DRV NOTE WAS SIMILAR MUTATIS MUTANDIS TO PRG NOTE IN

REF B AND CONCLUDED AS FOLLOWS: "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRV HOPES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ICCS WILL CONSIDER AT AN EARLY DATE THE REDUCTION OF THE COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL SO AS TO MAKE THE MACHINERY OF THE COMMISSION MORE SUITED TO THE ACTUAL SITUATION."

3. WHEN ASKED FOR HIS REACTION, ADENAN SAID THAT KEY QUESTION WAS WHETHER TASK OF THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN COMPLETED, AND THAT THIS WAS FOR THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE

AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR TO DECIDE AND NOT FOR THE

MEMBERS OF THE ICCS TO DETERMINE. HE INDICATED THAT IF INDONESIA REPLIED TO DRV NOTE AT ALL, IT WOULD BE ALONG THESE LINES. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, GOI WOULD DEFINITELY SEEK TO KEEP NATIONAL CONTINGENTS AT FULL LEVEL OF 290. ALL TEXTS, LEGALITIES AND TECHNICALITIES ASIDE, HE SAID, GOI WANTED TO HAVE AT LEAST THAT MANY PEOPLE IN VIETNAM TO OBSERVE A SITUATION OF CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST TO GOI AND TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT HOW DRV/PRG COMMUNISTS OPERATE, BOTH MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY.

4. ADENAN SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT USG POSITION AGAINST REDUCTION TO AIR VICE MARSHAL SUDARMONO, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF (KASUM) OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY (HANKAM), WHO IS SENIOR OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ICCS MATTERS DURING ABSENCE FROM INDONESIA OF GENERAL SUMITRO. HE WOULD ALSO INFORM LT. GEN. ASHARI, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, AND LET US KNOW WHEN GOI HAD DECIDED HOW TO ANSWER DRV NOTE. ADENAN SAID HE WAS CERTAIN SUDARMONO AND ASHARI WOULD SHARE HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY REDUCTION. POL COUNSELOR THANKED ADENAN FOR INFORMING US OF DRV NOTE AND FOR STEADFAST GOI POSITION AND SAID WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW GOI ANSWERS DRV NOTE.

5. ADENAN ASKED IF WE THOUGHT PRG/DRV MOVES WERE DICTATED PRIMARILY BY DESIRE TO REDUCE COSTS OF ICCS OPERATION.  
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POL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT COMMUNIST SIDE HAD FROM VERY OUTSET SOUGHT TO PREVENT ICCS FROM PERFORMING ITS PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS EFFECTIVELY, AND REDUCTION PLOY WAS ONLY LATEST MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION. WHILE IT WAS TRUE THAT DRV/PRG WERE MOST RELUCTANT TO PAY THEIR AGREED SHARES OF ICCS COSTS, THEIR MAIN PURPOSES WERE PROBABLY POLITICAL AND NOT FINANCIAL. ADENAN AGREED.

6. FOLLOWING IS FURTHER INDICATION OF GOI VIEWS ON  
REDUCTION: EVENING SEPTEMBER 5 BRIG. GEN. WIJOGO,  
FORMER COMMANDER OF MILITARY PORTION OF INDONESIAN ICCS  
CONTINGENT AND PRESENTLY ON DUTY AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS,  
TOLD DEFATT THAT ICCS IS ALMOST INEFFECTIVE NOW AND  
THAT IF IT WERE REDUCED IT WOULD BE ALMOST COMPLETELY  
INEFFECTIVE.

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